

Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program

Comprehensive Monitoring Program

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Common Acronyms

ASBS	Areas of Special Biological Significance
BWER	Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve
CCMP	Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (formerly Bay Restoration Plan)
CCVA	Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CMP	Comprehensive Monitoring Program
CNRA	California Natural Resources Agency
CoSMoS	Coastal Storm Modelling System
CRAM	California Rapid Assessment Method
CRI	Loyola Marymount University's Coastal Research Institute
FMP	Fishery Management Plan
HAB	Harmful Algal Bloom
LACDBH	Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors
LACDPH	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
LACDPW	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
LACFCD	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
LACSD	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
LADWP	Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
LASAN	City of Los Angeles Sanitation
LCP	Local Coastal Plan
LVMWD	Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NEP	National Estuary Program
NMFS	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	National Parks Service
OPC	Ocean Protection Council
RCDSMM	Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains
SCC	California State Coastal Conservancy
SCCOOS	Southern California Ocean Observing Systems
SCCWRP	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
SCMI	Southern California Marine Institute
SLR	Sea Level Rise
SMBNEP	Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program
SMBRC	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission
SotB	State of the Bay
State Parks	California Department of Parks and Recreation
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board

SMBNEP Comprehensive Monitoring Program

TAC	Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Technical Advisory Committee
TBF	The Bay Foundation
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey

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Executive Summary

Introduction

Overview of Comprehensive Monitoring Program

This section should explain how monitoring has/will change as a result of new/modified actions and priorities, and any new environmental indicators. This section will also explain the structure of the document and how the document was drafted.

This CMP will also inform a Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) for SMBNEP.

Monitoring Program Objectives

USEPA funding guidance for NEPs states that Monitoring Programs should “track and detect changes and/or improvements within the study area, and effectiveness of CCMP Actions” (USEPA 2020). This can be achieved through the assessment of data collected to inform key indicators over time. The intent of this CMP is to inform condition changes within the NEP study area (Figures 1 and 2), and to be summarized in State of the Bay Reports, produced approximately every five years, and more frequent summary reports, as needed. When possible, the CMP replicates or modifies relevant indicators from the USEPA Report on the Environment (USEPA ROE 2019) for the water and land use categories.

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Indicator Development

Discussion of expansion and CMP revision utilizing subgroups since SotB Report 2015, with emphasis on applying data from existing monitoring programs, identifying relevant indicators and those that could be optimized to provide more informative data (e.g., indices).

Table 1.1. Indicator categories consistent across all habitat types.

Indicator Category	Description
Habitat Extent	Functional habitat area, including gain or loss (e.g., fragmentation, accessibility, temporal variability, etc.). Some habitats contain multiple zones.
Biological / Ecological Condition	The state of the ecological system, including biological or ecological characteristics and the processes and interactions that connect them (USEPA ROE 2019). Condition may be represented by status or changes to individuals, populations, communities, and ecosystems

Indicator Category	Description
	(e.g., presence of amphibian species in streams, reproductive success of nesting shorebirds, or an index of fish diversity).
Stressors	Human-induced changes in physical, chemical, and biological properties that impact (posing potential risk or disturbance to) the condition of habitat such as exposure to waste and storm water discharges, nutrient and chlorophyll concentrations, channel morphology of streams and tidal wetlands, abundance of invasive species, eutrophication, fishing pressure, and the intensity of collection activities.
Climate Change Vulnerability	Impacts caused by or associated with one or more of the following climate change stressors: warmer temperatures, warmer waters, increasing drought, increasing storminess, sea level rise, or ocean acidification.

Partnerships

Section on relying on partners to collect much of the relevant data associated with monitoring program details in the subsequent chapters.

TAC – any sections missing from the introduction here?

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